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CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
JUNE 3, 2015
5:30 P.M.

Mayor

Maile L. Wilson

Council Members

Ronald R. Adams
John Black
Paul Cozzens
Don Marchant
Fred C Rowley

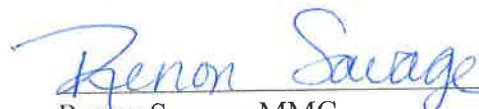
City Manager

Rick Holman

The City Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the City Office, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah. The agenda will consist of the following items:

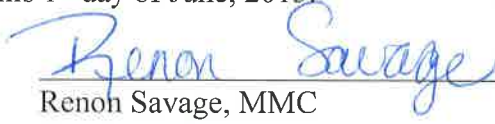
- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda Order Approval
- III. Administration Agenda
 - Mayor and Council Business
 - Staff Comment
- IV. Public Agenda
 - Public Comments
- V. Business Agenda
 - Public
 1. Public Hearing to consider a request from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah for a donation for its 35th annual Restoration Gathering – Patrick Charles/Rick Holman
 2. Consider a request to waive back sewer bill for property located in the vicinity of 1487 West 165 South – Karsten Reed
 3. Consider a request to annex approximately 18.41 acres of land in the vicinity of 2800 North and Northfield Road – Stratton Family/Bob Platt
 4. Consider accepting a road dedication on property located in the vicinity of 445 West Coal Creek Road – Jay Adams/Paul Bittmenn
 5. Review of Codes – Robin Haight
 - Staff
 6. Consider an Exchange of Services Agreement for the Airport – Ryan Marshall
 7. Public Hearing to consider the Cedar City Compensation Plan – Rick Holman
 8. Discuss Helen Foster Snow program – Don Marchant
 9. Closed Session – Reasonably imminent litigation

Dated this 1st day of June, 2015.


Renon Savage, MMC
City Recorder

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY:

The undersigned duly appointed and acting recorder for the municipality of Cedar City, Utah, hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Agenda was delivered to the Daily News, and each member of the governing body this 1st day of June, 2015.


Renon Savage, MMC
City Recorder

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CEDAR CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEMS - 2
DECISION PAPER

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Attorney

DATE: June 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Request to waive back sewer fees

DISCUSSION:

The Reed family owns property located at approximately 1487 West 165 South. There is a home on the property that according to the public records available on the Iron County Recorder's web page was built in 1972. The City's utility billing records show the Reed family took over the utility billing account in 2003. The Iron County Recorder's office shows a transfer of the property to Richard Reed, Sterling Reed, and Holly Reed in 2003. The City's utility records in 2003 show the property is being billed for water, garbage, and storm drain. Sewer services had not been billed to the property.

Recently there was an issue with the account. This prompted staff to take notice of the sewer connection and verify the connection served the home. The utility billing staff became aware of an issue where the property was not being billed for sewer service. The City has encountered issues where for various reasons customers were not receiving bills for utility services provided by the City. In 2011 the City adopted a series of ordinances related to water, garbage, sewer, and storm drain in an effort to address accounts where the customer was not paying for services received. These ordinances directed staff to notify the property owner of the issue and to calculate a payback for the past two (2) years of the services received but not paid for. If the owner would request staff had the ability to offer a payback agreement to spread out the costs over two (2) years with no interest as long as the payments were being made. If the City and the property owner are not able to reach an agreement the ordinance allows the City to shut off the water service to the property. The City has entered a number of these agreements with multiple private land owners and businesses in town to resolve un-paid utility issues.

Staff notified the Reed family of the un-paid sewer fees and calculated two (2) years of unpaid sewer charges totaling \$522.00. Karsten Reed is the local representative of the Reed family. He did not agree that the Reed family should be responsible to pay the un-paid sewer fees. As support for his position Mr. Reed located a map in the files of the City's Engineering department showing sewer a sewer lateral extending to the property from 165 South as well as an eight (8) inch line running along the south side of the property with a notation that the 8 inch line was noticed in 1998. Mr. Reed uses this information to state the City knew or should have known in 1988 that there was a sewer line to the property and therefore should have billed for the sewer service. Staff considered Mr. Reed's position. Staff did not agree that the presence of sewer

lines in the area in 1988 showed the home was actually hooked on to the sewer and that it was the homeowner's responsibility to accurately report which services they were receiving from the City. The Reed family had the property for over a decade during which they were sent utility bills and did not report the lack of a bill for sewer services.

Staff did not see where the ordinance (Cedar City ordinance 30-6(c)) allowed the staff to waive the back sewer charges. Mr. Reed wished to petition the City Council for relief.

Attached is a copy of the 30-6(c) of the Ordinances of Cedar City, a copy of the account summary from the Iron County Recorder's office for the property, and a copy of the map submitted by Mr. Reed.

SECTION 30-6(c) Un-billed sewer accounts.

If upon examination of the customers bill staff determines that the customer was likely not receiving a bill for sewer services staff is authorized to take one of the following actions:

1. If the period of time when the customer was not receiving a bill for this utility service is longer than two (2) years staff shall bill the customer for two (2) years of service at the rates applicable during the two (2) years immediately preceding the bill. Staff is authorized to write off any amount that exceeds the bill for the preceding two (2) years. If the period of time when the customer was not receiving a bill is anything shorter than two (2) years staff shall collect the entire bill.
2. If when the customer is notified they request additional time to pay for up to two (2) years of services for which they have not received a bill, then staff is authorized to offer the customer an agreement whereby the customer shall make monthly payments of the principle. The length of any such agreement shall not exceed two (2) years. During the course of such an agreement the customer shall not be charged interest or penalty on the initial principle amount. Interest may be charged if the customer is late on a payment pursuant to the payment agreement. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any such agreement on behalf of the City.
3. If staff can document that the customer has engaged in intentional fraud or deceit in order to avoid paying for utility services received, then staff shall not be allowed to offer the customer the benefit of a two year repayment and shall proceed with all legal collection efforts to collect the entire amount of un-paid bills due to the customer's intentional fraud or deceit.
 - A. A customer may appeal staff's decision that the customer engaged in intentional fraud and/or deceit. The appeal is to the City Manager. A brief written statement must be submitted by the customer. The City Manager is required to receive staff's input prior to making a decision. The City Manager shall render a decision within ten (10) working days, and notify the customer in writing. In cases where the City Manager does not agree with staff's finding of intentional fraud or deceit, the City Manager's authority is limited to allowing the customer to take advantage of the two (2) year payback provisions contained in this ordinance.
4. Staff shall be able to rely on the City's billing records in order to make a determination if the customer has been receiving a bill for these services and if the bill has been sent to the address requested by the property owner.
5. If the staff is not successful in collecting the bill pursuant to this section, nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, restrict, or prohibit the City from using its other collection remedies contained in the Cedar City Ordinance including, but not limited to discontinuing the customer's water

service, or collecting the debt as a civil debt.
Amended by ordinance No. 1214-11

6/1/2015

Account View

Account 0063336

<u>Location</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Value</u>
Account Number 0063336	Name REED RICHARD L	Market (2014) \$100,482
Parcel Number B-1066-0000-0000	1300 PRONGHORN DR	Taxable \$55,265
Tax District 06 - CEDAR CITY	ROCK SPRINGS, WY 82901	Tax Area: 06 Tax Rate 0.013780
Acres 0.20		Type Actual Assessed Acres
Situs 1487 W 165 S, CEDAR CITY		Improvement \$73,600 \$40,480 0.000
Legal LOT 1, BLK 3, CEDAR RIDGE SUBD		Land \$26,882 \$14,785 0.200
Child Accounts		
Child Parcels		
Parent Accounts		
Parent Parcels		

Transfers

<u>Instrument Date</u>	<u>Entry Number</u>
09/08/2005	00511384
09/08/2005	00511383
02/16/2003	00472340
04/10/1992	00315353

Images

- [Map](#)
- [Photo](#)
- [Sketch](#)



CEDAR CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEMS - 3
DECISION PAPER

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Attorney

DATE: June 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Annexation of +/- 18.41 acres of land located in the vicinity of 400 West and 2700 North (Stratton Family Limited Partnership).

DISCUSSION:

The owners of the above parcel of land would like to annex into Cedar City. This is the same parcel of land that was turned down by the City last year because it created an island of unincorporated property. The legislature passed H.B. 42 which allowed a City to annex a parcel of land that leaves an unincorporated island of land if there is agreement from the County.

The parcel of land proposed for annexation is contiguous. It is contiguous with existing City boarders to its west, east, and for approximately 445 feet along its north. The Iron County Commission has discussed the matter and has consented to the annexation being fully aware there would be an island of unincorporated property created to the south of the proposed annexation parcel. The main issue discussed during the County process was the maintenance of the roads in the area where there is an island. Existing agreements between the City and the County were sufficient to deal with the maintenance issue.

If the City Council approves this item on the agenda this is a first step for the annexation. There will be a series of notices and opportunities for public comment. There will also be a staff review to make sure the petitioners own enough of the proposed property in terms of land area and value. After the notices and staff process the Council will have the final vote to annex this property or not.

Attached is a copy of the Planning Commission minutes as well as a map showing the proposed annexation area.

CEDAR CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 21, 2015

The Cedar City Planning Commission held a Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:15 p.m., in the Cedar City Council Chambers, 10 North Main, Cedar City, Utah.

Members in attendance: Rich Gillette, Fred Rowley, Mike Mitchell, Mary Pearson, and Jill Peterson

Members absent: Kristie McMullin-excused, Kent Peterson-excused

Staff in attendance: Kit Wareham, Larry Palmer, Paul Biltmenn and Michael Adams

Others in attendance: Bob Platt

Fred moved to have Rich act as the chair pro-tem, seconded by Jill and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

**ITEM/
REQUESTED MOTION**

LOCATION/PROJECT

**APPLICANT/
PRESENTER**

I. Regular Items

**1- Approval of Minutes (April 7, 2015)
(Approval)**

Jill moved to approved the minutes of April 7, 2015, seconded by Mike and the vote was unanimous.

**2- Annexation
(Recommendation)**

Approx. 2800 N Northfield Rd Stratton/Platt & Platt

Bob Platt said this came through about one year ago. It went clear through City Council and was denied because it created an illegal island of county in the City limits. They were prepared to go to the County for a zone change but the law has been changed by the State Legislature. This is 18.4 acres and is bordered on the east by City, part of the north line is also in the City limits and the west side is City. The school district warehouse is on that side. They became aware of the change in this law and that it can now be annexed with consent of the County. They appear to the County Commission next Monday.

Bob said that Menon Stratton Corry and her family now want to annex this piece. Everything was in place one year ago.

Fred said everything was good one year ago, it just did not pass because of the island law.

Paul stated that this legislation will go in effect May 12th. By the time this item gets through the County and then back to the City Council this law will be done.

The owners on the south and north are not interested in annexing at this time.

It is in the City's Annexation Declaration area.

Fred moved to give the City Council a positive recommendation of the Stratton annexation, seconded by Jill and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

**3- Amend Subdivision Ordinance Section 32-6 Step 6
(Recommendation)**

Kit Wareham

Rich opened the public hearing on this item.

Kit explained that they now have a simple and detailed minor lot process. The simple minor lot does not require any street improvements or they have lots of over 200' frontage. He inadvertently put the two together requiring the same approval process. The detailed minor lot would require improvements but a simple minor lot where all improvements are already complete only needs a record of survey and deeds. The detailed minor lot would need to have the vicinity approved before they get into all their construction drawings. This will now separate the two as far as the process they have to go through. They do not want to require all the engineering work on the detailed minor lot if there is a chance it would not go through so they are the ones that need the vicinity plan step. It will be a two-step process for the detailed minor lot but only a one step process for the simple minor lot subdivisions.

Rich closed the public hearing as there were no other comments.

Mary moved to give the City Council a positive recommendation for this Subdivision Ordinance change, seconded by Mike and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michal Adams, Administrative Assistant

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEMS - 4
DECISION PAPER

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Attorney

DATE: June 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Road dedication of approximately 0.04 acres of land in the vicinity of 445 West Coal Creek Road.

DISCUSSION:

Cacique is a local business with operations at the above address. There is a small piece of land (+/- 0.04 acres) the business owns that is in the public right of way. The land is fully improved with road, curb, gutter, and sidewalk. The Company is seeking to dedicate the land as part of the public right of way.

Cacique has done a lot of work to clean up the title report so that liens would not impact the portion of land being dedicated. Staff has the appropriate deeds. Attached is a copy of the Planning Commission minutes and a map showing proposed road dedication.

Please consider approving the road dedication.

Cacique, Adams
Surveying

Jay Adams said this was property owned by Cacique, and their deed goes out into the roadway. They would like to deed that portion that is currently part of Coal Creek Road to the City to clean this up.

Fred asked if this was already paved. Kit said it is fully improved with curb, gutter, sidewalk and pavement. He feels they are just trying to clean up their deed.

Fred made a motion to give a positive recommendation to City Council for this Road Dedication along Coal Creek, seconded by Mary and the vote was unanimous.

**Dan Roberts/ Platt
& Platt Eng.**

Bob Platt said this was done several years ago. Part of this road is dedicated; this would dedicate the south portion with a cul-de-sac.

Fred wondered what the City would gain or lose over this. Kit explained there were 3 houses on this road currently. It will bring all those houses into compliance by having them front a City street. The City owns the west side of this road currently. It was vacated before so this will dedicate the City's portion of the road with this road dedication also. What probably brought this back was the owner of all the property to the south would like to develop and needs this road in place to do that. Kit said back in 2008 when things were booming, a developer came in and wanted to develop the property. That was the son-in-law to the owner. Now that owner wants to finish up this development.

Bob said it was proposed to be a PUD. This will just clear the way so they can have a way to get to his land.

Fred wondered, then, was this just a temporary cul-de-sac at the end? No, it will be permanent. Kit went on to explain that with any PUD the City requires a turnaround before you enter the private PUD area.

Fred asked if the City did maintenance, plowing, etc., on the road now. Kit said the portion that is a City Street, the city would maintain.

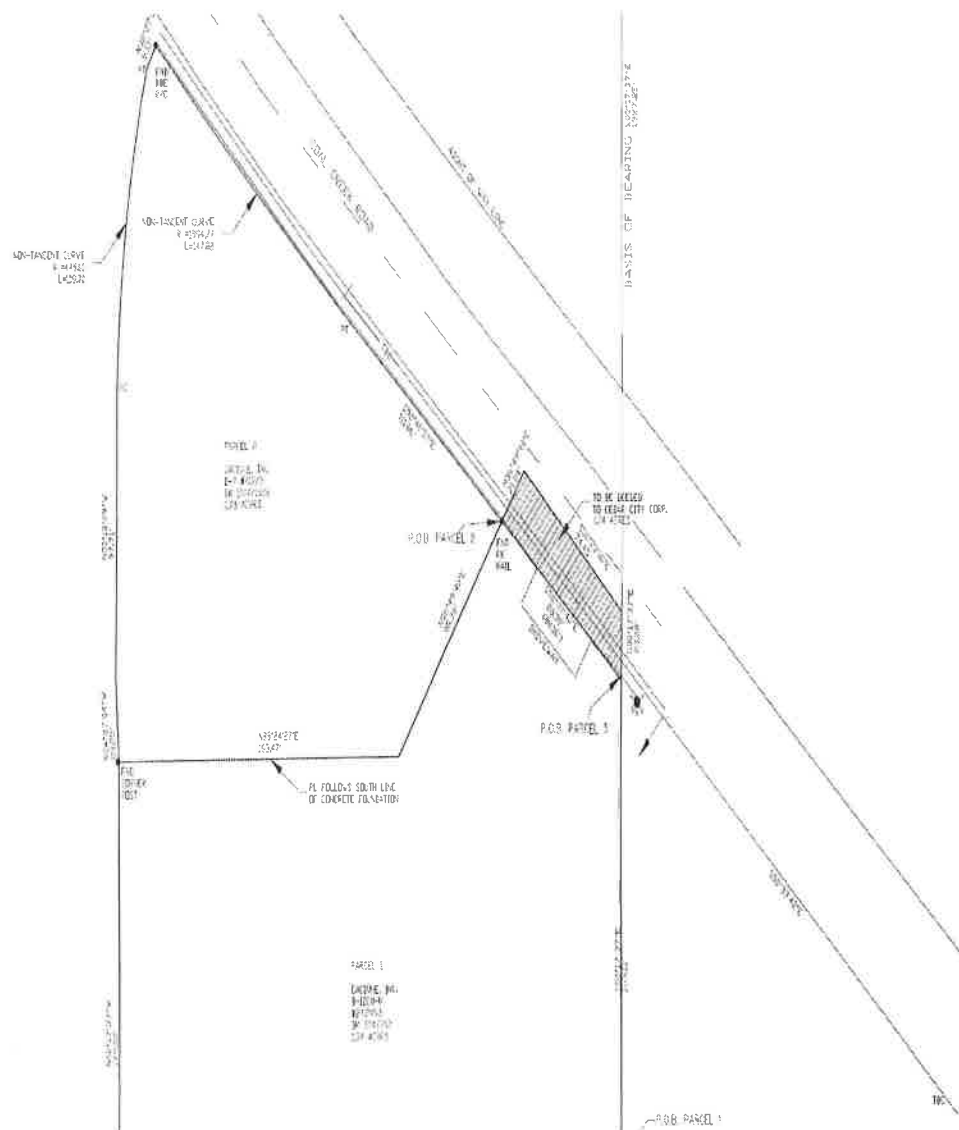
Bob said the plat is all signed and ready to go.

Rich made a motion to send a positive recommendation to City Council for this Road Dedication of Hevi Hills, Seconded by Mike and the vote was unanimous.

**Diversified/ InSite
Eng.**

Kit said in order to approve the vicinity changes for Talon Pointe you need to have this zone change first.

Ron Larsen said the reason for this zone change is that they are changing the subdivision vicinity a little and they need the zoning to follow the new lot boundaries. They did a test pit and had a road going in a different direction. They ran into an area of rock about 7' deep. They decided to change the layout of the roads in order to place sewer and other things better. In



**CEDAR CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM 6**

INFORMATION SHEET

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Ryan Marshall
DATE: 6/1/2015
SUBJECT: Exchange of Services Agreement

DISCUSSION: A Request for Proposals for an exchange of services on the Airport was sent out on April 30, 2015. We received one proposal from Schmidt Construction. We would like to move forward with an agreement between the City and Schmidt Construction for various projects to be completed by Mr. Schmidt on the Airport while allowing Mr. Schmidt to dispose of excess fill materials at various locations on the Airport.

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM 7

DECISION PAPER

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Natasha Hirschi

DATE: June 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Consider Salary Ranges provided by Personnel Systems & Services.

DISCUSSION: In October 2014 the City Council voted to have Personnel Systems and Services perform a salary study. Personnel Systems and Services and City Department Heads went through a thorough process reviewing each positions job description and assigning it a point value based on four factors (responsibility, job knowledge, difficulty of work, and work environment). Personnel Systems used approximately 15 cities similar in population, budget, and fulltime equivalents and/or proximity to Cedar City to gather salary data. Each positions point value and salary data determined the salary range for the position.

The new pay ranges will replace the pay ranges provided by the Hay Study.

Approximately 75 employees are below the market for their new range. As budgets allow employees will be brought to the minimum of their new range.



Cedar City Compensation Study - 2015

Salary Ranges

Points				
Eval	Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum	Position
27.92	\$93,853	\$115,669	\$137,193	City Manager
27.82	\$93,394	\$115,096	\$136,508	City Attorney
25.99	\$85,724	\$105,523	\$125,065	Police Chief
24.66	\$80,527	\$99,043	\$117,324	City Engineer
23.12	\$74,919	\$92,056	\$108,983	Finance Director
22.86	\$74,018	\$90,935	\$107,645	Public Works Director
22.37	\$72,342	\$88,849	\$105,156	Fire Chief
19.19	\$62,284	\$76,343	\$90,243	Lieutenant
18.86	\$61,354	\$75,188	\$88,867	Economic Development Director
18.59	\$60,557	\$74,199	\$87,688	Library Director
18.04	\$59,029	\$72,302	\$85,429	Leisure Services Director
16.64	\$55,274	\$67,643	\$79,880	Assistant City Attorney
16.38	\$54,611	\$66,820	\$78,901	Water Superintendent
16.38	\$54,611	\$66,820	\$78,901	Wastewater Superintendent
16.31	\$54,427	\$66,593	\$78,630	Street Superintendent
15.98	\$53,592	\$65,558	\$77,398	Senior Engineer
15.96	\$53,545	\$65,499	\$77,329	Sergeant
15.76	\$53,043	\$64,877	\$76,588	Fire Marshal
15.55	\$52,501	\$64,206	\$75,789	Chief Building & Zoning Official
14.74	\$50,548	\$61,786	\$72,910	Airport Manager
14.59	\$50,191	\$61,344	\$72,384	Events Director
14.55	\$50,103	\$61,235	\$72,254	Fleet Manager
14.40	\$49,749	\$60,796	\$71,732	Project Engineer
14.31	\$49,534	\$60,530	\$71,416	Golf Director
14.07	\$48,984	\$59,849	\$70,606	Human Resources/Risk Manager
14.02	\$48,884	\$59,726	\$70,459	Parks Division Manager
13.88	\$48,548	\$59,309	\$69,963	City Treasurer
12.93	\$46,446	\$56,708	\$66,871	Fire Captain
12.85	\$46,256	\$56,472	\$66,591	Golf Course Superintendent
12.70	\$45,941	\$56,083	\$66,129	Corporal
12.70	\$45,941	\$56,083	\$66,129	Juvenile/Misdemeanor Investigator
11.79	\$44,015	\$53,702	\$63,298	Patrol Officer III
11.32	\$43,053	\$52,512	\$61,885	City Surveyor
11.19	\$42,789	\$52,186	\$61,497	Aquatic Center Manager
10.84	\$42,104	\$51,339	\$60,491	City Recorder
10.60	\$41,623	\$50,745	\$59,785	Canine Officer
10.35	\$41,147	\$50,157	\$59,087	Cross Hollow Event Center Manager
10.30	\$41,046	\$50,032	\$58,939	Heritage Center Manager
10.28	\$41,008	\$49,986	\$58,883	Laboratory Director

10.08	\$40,617	\$49,502	\$58,309	Patrol Officer II
9.95	\$40,380	\$49,209	\$57,961	Building Inspector III
9.32	\$39,198	\$47,750	\$56,228	Parks/Cemetery Sexton
9.28	\$39,122	\$47,656	\$56,117	Lead Street Worker
9.21	\$38,995	\$47,500	\$55,932	Pretreatment Coordinator
9.17	\$38,916	\$47,402	\$55,816	Patrol Officer I
9.04	\$38,685	\$47,117	\$55,477	Public Works Inspector
8.91	\$38,443	\$46,818	\$55,123	GIS/CAD Coordinator-Specialist
8.87	\$38,382	\$46,742	\$55,033	Sports & Recreation Manager
8.76	\$38,176	\$46,489	\$54,732	Fire Engineer
8.73	\$38,136	\$46,439	\$54,673	Water Maintenance Worker IV
8.65	\$37,984	\$46,252	\$54,451	Assistat Library Director
8.55	\$37,800	\$46,025	\$54,181	Wastewater Senior Collection Operator
8.51	\$37,735	\$45,945	\$54,086	Building Inspector II
8.41	\$37,556	\$45,724	\$53,824	Wastewater Senior Plant Operator
8.32	\$37,398	\$45,528	\$53,592	Building Facilities Supervisor
8.21	\$37,200	\$45,284	\$53,302	Assistant Golf Superintendent
8.18	\$37,156	\$45,231	\$53,239	Evidence/Crime Scene Specialist
7.86	\$36,607	\$44,554	\$52,435	Fleet Journeyman Mechanic
7.71	\$36,350	\$44,237	\$52,059	Water Maintenance Worker III
7.64	\$36,222	\$44,078	\$51,871	Economic Development Coordinator
7.60	\$36,158	\$43,999	\$51,777	Golf Course Mechanic
7.49	\$35,970	\$43,768	\$51,503	Animal Control Officer II
7.18	\$35,457	\$43,136	\$50,753	Airport Operations Specialist
7.12	\$35,351	\$43,005	\$50,598	Airport Maintenance Technician
7.04	\$35,219	\$42,841	\$50,404	Building Inspector I
7.03	\$35,207	\$42,827	\$50,387	Laboratory Technician
7.03	\$35,206	\$42,826	\$50,385	Firefighter
6.94	\$35,052	\$42,636	\$50,161	Senior Librarian
6.65	\$34,582	\$42,056	\$49,473	Code Enforcement Officer
6.34	\$34,088	\$41,448	\$48,752	Airport Maintenance Worker
6.28	\$33,980	\$41,315	\$48,594	Water Maintenance Worker II
6.26	\$33,954	\$41,284	\$48,557	Equipment Operator/Storm Drain
6.18	\$33,834	\$41,135	\$48,381	Parks Maintenance Worker II
6.07	\$33,657	\$40,917	\$48,122	Animal Control Officer I
6.03	\$33,592	\$40,837	\$48,027	Fleet/Warehouse Tool Room Technician
5.86	\$33,315	\$40,496	\$47,623	Equipment Operator
5.79	\$33,209	\$40,365	\$47,468	Wastewater Collection Operator I
5.49	\$32,750	\$39,800	\$46,798	Payroll Clerk
5.47	\$32,713	\$39,754	\$46,743	Wastewater Plant Operator I
5.41	\$32,623	\$39,643	\$46,612	Water Maintenance Worker I
5.37	\$32,563	\$39,570	\$46,525	Executive Secretary Police
5.37	\$32,563	\$39,570	\$46,525	Executive Assistant Economic Dev
5.37	\$32,563	\$39,570	\$46,525	Executive Office Assistant Legal

5.37	\$32,563	\$39,570	\$46,525	Executive Assistant LS
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5.37	\$32,563	\$39,570	\$46,525	Executive Assistant Engineering
5.37	\$32,563	\$39,570	\$46,525	Executive Assistant/Building
5.37	\$32,563	\$39,570	\$46,525	Executive Assistant Admin
5.23	\$32,346	\$39,303	\$46,208	Accounts Payable Clerk
4.89	\$31,838	\$38,677	\$45,466	Solidwaste Operator
4.87	\$31,814	\$38,647	\$45,431	Parks Maintenance Worker I
4.73	\$31,600	\$38,384	\$45,119	Police Secretary
4.59	\$31,392	\$38,128	\$44,816	Utility Billing Clerk
4.58	\$31,372	\$38,103	\$44,787	Assistant Librarian
4.25	\$30,897	\$37,519	\$44,094	Golf Operations Assistant
4.18	\$30,802	\$37,401	\$43,955	Water Meter Reader
3.91	\$30,412	\$36,923	\$43,388	Records Clerk
3.38	\$29,664	\$36,002	\$42,297	Receptionist/Cashier
2.54	\$28,517	\$34,592	\$40,627	Shelter Assistant

**CEDAR CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM 8**

INFORMATION SHEET

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Rick Holman

DATE: June 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Helen Foster Snow discussion

DISCUSSION: Mayor Sherratt introduced Helen Foster Snow to the community when he announced and commissioned a statue to be erected on the corner of Main Street and 200 N. Her humanitarian efforts in China are recognized by many in that country.

Since 2009, SUU has made efforts to enhance the academic and cultural learning about the efforts of Helen Foster Snow in China. Linda Yuan has submitted the attached Proposal to continue to recognize Ms. Snow.

Helen Foster Snow Program Proposal

To: Cedar City Manager & Mayor
From: Linda Yuan, Helen Foster Snow visiting professor at SUU
Date: May 2, 2015
Subject: Helen Foster Snow Program

Helen Foster Snow was a Cedar City native and went to China in the 1930s' and 1970's. Helen wrote books of war-time China based on her ten-year experiences as a journalist as well as books of the development of new China after her return trip to China. Helen had contributed to the Chinese revolution and the Sino-US friendship both in war-time and peacetime, she was therefore nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize twice. Helen Snow is a symbol of internationalization of Cedar natives, so Cedar City honors her as one of the 10 greatest people in the city history and established a statue of Helen Foster Snow in 2009.

Since 2009, SUU has launched a project on the publicizing of Helen Snow's legacy and spirit. In 2010, the Dance Drama "Dream of Helen" was a great hit at the Helen Foster Snow Symposium in Wuhan, China. Since 2012, two Helen Foster Snow Scholarship recipients have enjoyed their academic and cultural learning at SUU. SUU also has welcomed Helen Foster Snow studies visiting scholars and visiting art group from China since 2014. SUU is phenomenal in promoting Helen Foster Snow legacy.

Despite these efforts, not many Cedar people acknowledge Helen Foster Snow, nor her brilliant adventurous stories. Cedar citizens have not yet fully sensed the benefit that the cross-cultural bridge that Helen Foster Snow and SUU Helen Foster Snow Project have built up for both SUU students and the community.

It is rewarding that Cedar City has a Helen Foster Snow Day to remember this Cedar heroine. It is also beneficial that Cedar has the Helen Foster Snow cross-cultural program that will facilitate Cedar citizens' culture-oriented traveling to China and Chinese travelers to Cedar.

Cedar City is the hometown of Helen Foster Snow, whose name and legacy should be a household acknowledgement to the citizens young or old. It is time that Cedar City started its unique program to remember this great woman and spread her legacy beyond the scope of the statue education. It is time that Cedar City Assembly and Community started its unique community service to spread Helen's stories.

Helen Foster Snow had Mormon family background, she introduced the idea of the early Mormon cooperatives to wartime Chinese and helped the daily necessity production. Therefore, it is possible that Cedar City build a sister-city relationship with Baoji, Shaanxi Province, where Chinese Industrial Cooperatives once originated.

Helen Foster Snow is a historical treasure to Cedar City in terms of promoting academic research, cross-cultural communication, education, and the city image. It is a rewarding mission that involves the whole Cedar community beside SUU academic efforts. Let the world know this great woman and her hometown. Let us work together to make it come true.